



**H.Res. 171 – Honoring the Marquis de Lafayette on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of his birth**

**Floor Situation**

H.Res. 171 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ike Skelton (D-MO) on February 15, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but was not considered.

H.Res. 171 is expected to be considered on the floor on May 22, 2007.

**Summary**

H.Res. 171 honors the life and accomplishments of the Marquis de Lafayette on the occasion of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.

**Background**

Marie-Joseph-Paul-Yves-Roch-Gilbert Du Motier, commonly known as the Marquis de Lafayette, was born on September 6, 1757. He was a great strategic thinker and inspired the American military during the Revolutionary War.

Lafayette had a strong belief in freedom, he advocated the abolition of slavery in the Americas, favored equal legal rights for religious minorities in France, and became a prominent figure in the French Revolution.

In 1824, at the invitation of President Monroe, Lafayette embarked upon a triumphant, year-long tour of all 25 States of the then-United States, during which he became the first foreign dignitary to address a joint session of Congress and visited many Masonic bodies.

**Cost**

H.Res. 171 has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

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